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Attached please find the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's Amendment document with a complete listing of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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